

HOUSE RESOLUTION 49

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Steven G. Shipp for his numerous contributions to the community of Millington.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those citizens who, in their years of work and service, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Steven G. Shipp of Millington is one such estimable Tennessean who has enjoyed great success as a real estate and restaurant entrepreneur, thereby contributing to his community's overall prosperity; he is also an important and active member of his church and his West Tennessee community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shipp was born in Portsmouth, Virginia, to George and Shirley W. Shipp; because his father served in the United States Navy, Steven Shipp spent the better part of his first five years in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, after he and his family moved to the Memphis area, Mr. Shipp attended Egypt Elementary School; he graduated from Raleigh Egypt High School and matriculated at Tennessee State University (TSU); and

WHEREAS, during his college years at TSU, Steven Shipp distinguished himself among his peers and established a reputation as a leader; a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Mr. Shipp served as a mentor to incoming freshman during his sophomore year, and he was elected Student Body President in his third year; and

WHEREAS, since his return to West Tennessee, Mr. Shipp has worked in real estate, while his ventures as a restaurateur have been especially fruitful; in 2004, he opened his first restaurant, SACS, in Munford, and in 2005, he purchased The Wing Hut 'n Sum in Millington,

which has recently relocated from Navy Road to a much larger facility on Highway 51 and Wilkinsville Road; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shipp has also contributed to the well-being of his community through his work with the Vollentine Evergreen Community Association, which has afforded Mr. Shipp opportunities to perform various community restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, Steven Shipp has also worked on a committee to restore the Clayborne Temple through the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, he is himself a vital member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Millington, where his father is the pastor; in addition to serving as a trustee, a choir member, and a member of the Finance Committee, Mr. Shipp has been instrumental in raising funds for the construction of the church's new facility on Quito Road; and

WHEREAS, Steven Shipp is also deeply devoted to his family, and he is the proud uncle of one nephew, Desi Allen Shipp, and three nieces, Rayven Gavin, Dasia Shipp, and Deanna Shipp; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shipp exemplifies the spirit and commitment that are the embodiment of a true Tennessean, and he should be duly recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Steven G. Shipp for all he has done to better the lives of his fellow citizens, thank him for contributing to the prosperity and well-being of his community and this State, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.